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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

CONGOLEUM CORPORATION
P. O. BOX 605
KEARNY NJ 07032
ATTN: RICHARD GEORGE

Re: Scientific Chemical Processing (SCP) Site
Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt, New Jersey
Notification of Potentially Responsible Party Status

Dear Sir:

It is the purpose of this letter to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its investigation aimed at identifying parties who are potentially responsible for the conditions which exist at the aforementioned SCP site. Based upon that investigation, EPA believes that your company (or in the case of attorney addressees, your client noted above) is a potentially responsible party (PRP) with regard to the SCP site. This letter is intended to notify you of your potential liability concerning this site.

Under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq., as amended, PRPs may be liable for any and all response costs incurred by the government in taking necessary response actions at the SCP site including, but not limited to, expenditures for planning, investigations, studies, removal action(s), remedial action(s) and enforcement actions related to this site.

As you may be aware, this Agency has identified and notified one hundred and thirty-nine (139) entities as potentially responsible parties for this site to date. These PRPs are listed in Attachment A to this letter. One hundred and eight (108) of these parties entered a Consent Order with EPA in September 1985 whereby they agreed to perform Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Studies (RI/FS) at the SCP site with their own funding. These studies are presently underway. The thirty-one (31) nonconsenting parties were issued a Unilateral Order by EPA in October 1985 mandating that they also participate in the RI/FS for this site.

Your company and other more recently identified PRPs which are being notified of their status by this letter are listed in Attachment B to this letter.

Please be advised that this letter constitutes general notice to you of your status as a PRP for this site and notice that you may be liable for any and all of the response costs which have been incurred and which will be incurred by the government relating to this site.

This letter does not constitute special notice as provided for in Section 122(e) of CERCLA. Such special notice is not appropriate for this site at this time given the fact that RI/FS studies are presently being performed at the site by some PRPs with private party funds.

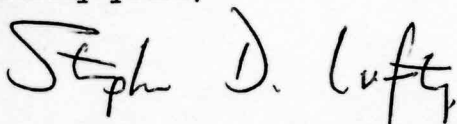
Even though your company (or client) is not a party to either of the two (2) Orders which have been issued by EPA concerning this site, we urge you to contact the Steering Committee attorney named in Attachment A and to participate in the performance of the site studies which are presently underway. EPA will make a determination with regard to the issuance of any new Orders requiring participation in the RI/FS work at the site contingent upon the response the Committee receives from your company and the other entities listed in Attachment B to this letter.

EPA will continue its efforts to identify additional PRPs for this site and you will be promptly notified if and when any are discovered.

Further information concerning the SCP site is available upon written request to Janet Feldstein, the SCP Project Officer, at the EPA address noted on the letterhead.

If you wish to discuss this matter in any further detail, please contact either James Rooney in the Office of Regional Counsel or Janet Feldstein of my office at (212) 264-9897 or (212) 264-0613, respectively.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Steph D. Luftig". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stephen D. Luftig, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

cc: Gerard Burke, Deputy Director
Office of Regulatory Services (NJDEP)

William L. Warren
Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher et al